

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

MARCH 13, 1860.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. ANTHONY made the following

REPORT.

[To accompany Bill S. 281.]

The Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of D. G. Farragut, having had the same under consideration, report:

That it appears from facts before your committee, the petitioner, a captain in the navy, was in command of the navy-yard at Mare Island, California, from the 9th day of August, 1854, to the 16th day of July, 1858; and that, whilst in that position, he was authorized by the Navy Department to rate or enlist two master's mates for the United States ship Warren; that the petitioner made the appointments authorized with a compensation at the rate of \$450 per annum, or \$150 a year to each, over and above the usual pay, the Warren then being stationed at that port; and, as the petitioner alleges, an amount insufficient for the support of an officer in California; and that the pay of the lowest class of laborers in the navy-yard, at the time of his command, was three dollars a day. The rate of pay authorized by the commandant was subsequently, on the adjustment of his accounts, disapproved at the Navy Department, and the difference between that and the amount authorized upon other stations charged against Captain Farragut's individual account, thus leaving him no other remedy than an appeal to Congress.

Extra compensation has, in almost all cases, been allowed to officers of the government in California, on account of the known high cost of living; and your committee deem that Captain Farragut should be allowed the reasonable difference paid by him for temporary officers, suitable to the care of large amounts of public property, whose appointment was in lieu of officers of a higher grade in the navy; and they therefore report the accompanying bill, with a recommendation that it do pass.

